

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: I. Sherali
MASAMI KATO)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2624
Application No.: 10/714,637)	
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Filed: November 18, 2003)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING)	
APPARATUS AND METHOD	:	July 11, 2008

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) having been filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the Office Action dated April 14, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows: